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Report Highlights:

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Prior to initiating the review, GOJ will collect scientific data, such as toxicity and plant residue data, from domestic and international sources for each substance. Regarding the data available in the foreign countries, GOJ reaches out to diplomatic missions in Tokyo, including the U.S. Embassy, and requests the existing data used during the chemical review and establishment of the MRLs in their respective countries. After the data is collected, the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare (MHLW) will request the Food Safety Commission (FSC) for a risk assessment. Based on the FSC's risk assessment, MHLW will start the discussion to set MRLs by the expert committees.

After MHLW reaches a conclusion, MHLW will share draft MRLs with diplomatic missions prior to submitting a WTO-SPS notification. FAS Tokyo reports every newly proposed MRL from GOJ via GAIN (e.g. JA1033.) Below is MHLW's announcement on the schedule of agricultural chemical review in JFY2011. If you have comments about GOJ's review plans in JFY 2011, please send comments to agtokyo@usda.gov.

Substances that Are Scheduled to Undergo Risk Assessment in Fiscal 2011

In 2006 Japan introduced a positive list system for pesticides, feed additives, and veterinary drugs (hereafter referred to as “compounds”). This system is intended to basically prohibit the distribution of foods that contain compounds exceeding a certain level in Japanese market. At the introduction of the system, Japan provisionally established maximum residue limits (MRLs) for 758 compounds. These provisional MRLs were mainly based on overseas standards including Codex MRLs.

We are working to review the MRLs on the basis of risk assessment reports of the Food Safety Commission (FSC), according to yearly programs. We plan to ask the FSC to carry out risk assessment for 211 compounds in fiscal 2011 (see the accompanying list).

As the result of review, current MRLs for the 211 compounds will be withdrawn if sufficient data required to retain the provisional MRLs as permanent is not available. If you would like the current MRLs to be kept or you want Japan to set MRLs of the same levels as your country's MRLs, we recommend that you promptly contact the Standards and Evaluation Division to have preliminary discussion. You are requested to prepare data shown at the following website before you contact us.

(<http://www.mhlw.go.jp/english/topics/foodsafety/residue/index.html>)

We add that separately from this document, we will request necessary information to countries based on whose tolerances the provisional MRLs were set.

When we have decided to revise current MRLs, we will give explanation at a future FSG meeting and will notify the WTO in accordance with the SPS Agreement.

You can access current MRLs for the 758 compounds at

Attachment

No	Substance Name	Use
1	2,2-DPA	Pesticide
2	2,4-DB	Pesticide
3	2-ACETYLAMINO-5-NITROTHIAZOLE	Veterinary drug
4	2-PHENYLPHENOL	Pesticide
5	4-AMINOPYRIDINE	Pesticide
6	4-CPA	Pesticide
7	5-(PROPYLSULPHONYL)-1-H-BENZIMIDAZOLE-2-AMINE (Albendazole)	Veterinary drug
8	ACETYLSOVALERYLTYSIN	Veterinary drug
9	ACIBENZOLAR-S-METHYL	Pesticide
10	ACRINATHRIN	Pesticide
11	AKLOMIDE	Veterinary drug
12	ALANYCARB	Pesticide
13	ALIPHATIC ALCOHOL ETHOXYLATES	Veterinary drug
14	ALTRENOGEST	Veterinary drug
15	AMINOPYRALID	Pesticide
16	AMPROLIUM	Veterinary drug/Feed additive
17	ASULAM	Pesticide
18	ATRAZINE	Pesticide
19	AZACONAZOLE	Pesticide
20	AZAMETHIPHOS	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
21	BACITRACIN	Veterinary drug/Feed additive
22	BAQUILOPRIM	Veterinary drug
23	BENSULIDE	Pesticide
24	BETAMETHASONE	Veterinary drug
25	BIORESMETHRIN	Pesticide
26	BIPHENYL	Pesticide
27	BROMOPHOS	Pesticide
28	BROMOPROPYLATE	Pesticide
29	BUTAFENACIL	Pesticide
30	BUTYLHYDROXYANISOL	Feed additive
31	CANTHAXANTHIN	Feed additive
32	CARBADOX (including QCA)	Veterinary drug
33	CARBARYL	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
34	CARBENDAZIM, BENOMYL, THIOPHANATE, THIOPHANATE-METHYL (as total)	Pesticide
35	CARFENTRAZONE-ETHYL	Pesticide
36	CEFACETRILE	Veterinary drug
37	CHLORFLUAZURON	Pesticide
38	CHLORONEB	Pesticide
39	CHLOROTHALONIL	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
40	CHLORPROMAZINE	Veterinary drug
41	CHLORPROPHAM	Pesticide
42	CHLORPYRIFOS-METHYL	Pesticide

43	CHLORSULFURON	Pesticide
44	CLETHODIM	Pesticide
45	CLOFENTEZINE	Pesticide
46	CLOSANTEL	Veterinary drug
47	CYANAZINE	Pesticide
48	CYCLOXYDIM	Pesticide
49	CYFLUTHRIN	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
50	CYHALOTHRIN	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
51	CYPERMETHRIN	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
52	DAMINOZIDE	Pesticide
53	DECOQUINATE	Veterinary drug/Feed additive
54	DELTAMETHRIN, TRALOMETHRIN (as total)	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
55	DEXAMETHASONE	Veterinary drug
56	DIAZINON	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
57	DIBUTYLHYDROXYTOLUENE	Feed additive
58	DICLAZURIL	Veterinary drug
59	DICLOFOP-METHYL	Pesticide
60	DIETHOFENCARB	Pesticide
61	DIETHYLSTILBESTROL	Veterinary drug
62	DIFENZOQUAT	Pesticide
63	DIHYDROSTREPTOMYCIN, STREPTOMYCIN (as total)	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
64	DIMETHIRIMOL	Pesticide
65	DIMETHOATE	Pesticide
66	DIMETRIDAZOLE	Veterinary drug
67	DIPHENAMID	Pesticide
68	DIPHENYLAMINE	Pesticide
69	DIQUAT	Pesticide
70	DITHIOCARBAMATES	Pesticide
71	DIURON	Pesticide
72	DODINE	Pesticide
73	EMAMECTIN BENZOATE	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
74	ENDOTHAL	Pesticide
75	EPOXICONAZOLE	Pesticide
76	EPTC	Pesticide
77	ETHEPHON	Pesticide
78	ETHOXYQUIN	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
79	EUGENOL	Veterinary drug
80	FENARIMOL	Pesticide
81	FENITROTHION	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
82	FENOBUCARB	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
83	FENOXAPROP-ETHYL	Pesticide
84	FENOXYCARB	Pesticide
85	FENPROPATHRIN	Pesticide
86	FENPROSTALENE	Veterinary drug
87	FENVALERATE	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
88	FLAMPROP-METHYL	Pesticide
89	FLUAZIFOP	Pesticide
90	FLUAZURON	Veterinary drug
91	FLUCARBAZONE SODIUM	Pesticide

92	FLUCYTHRINATE	Pesticide
93	FLUMETHRIN	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
94	FLUMICLORAC PENTYL	Pesticide
95	FLUOMETURON	Pesticide
96	FLUOROIMIDE	Pesticide
97	FLUQUINCONAZOLE	Pesticide
98	FLUSULFAMIDE	Pesticide
99	FLUTHIACET-METHYL	Pesticide
100	FOMESAFEN	Pesticide
101	FORCHLORFENURON	Pesticide
102	FOSTHIAZATE	Pesticide
103	FTHALIDE	Pesticide
104	FURATHIOCARB	Pesticide
105	GIBBERELLIN	Pesticide
106	HALOFUGINONE	Veterinary drug/Feed additive
107	HALOXON	Veterinary drug
108	HEXACONAZOLE	Pesticide
109	HEXYTHIAZOX	Pesticide
110	IMAZAMOX-AMMONIUM	Pesticide
111	IMAZAPYR	Pesticide
112	IODOSULFURON METHYL	Pesticide
113	IOXYNIL	Pesticide
114	IPRODIONE	Pesticide
115	ISOMETAMIDIUM	Veterinary drug
116	ISOURON	Pesticide
117	ISOXATHION	Pesticide
118	KASUGAMYCIN	Pesticide
119	LAIDLAMYCIN	Veterinary drug
120	LASALOCID	Veterinary drug/Feed additive
121	LENACIL	Pesticide
122	LINURON	Pesticide
123	MALEIC HYDRAZIDE	Pesticide
124	MCPB	Pesticide
125	METHIDATHION	Pesticide
126	METHOMYL, THIODICARB (as total)	Pesticide
127	METHYLBENZOQUATE	Veterinary drug
128	METOSERPATE HYDROCHLORIDE	Veterinary drug
129	METRONIDAZOLE	Veterinary drug
130	METSULFURON-METHYL	Pesticide
131	MOXIDECTIN	Veterinary drug
132	NAPROPAMIDE	Pesticide
133	NEOMYCIN	Veterinary drug
134	NEQUINATE	Veterinary drug
135	NICARBAZIN	Veterinary drug/Feed additive
136	NICOSULFURON	Pesticide
137	NICOTINE	Pesticide
138	NITARSONE	Veterinary drug
139	NITENPYRAM	Pesticide
140	NITROTHAL-ISOPROPYL	Pesticide

141	NORGESTOMET	Veterinary drug
142	OMETHOATE	Pesticide
143	ORYZALIN	Pesticide
144	OXACILLIN	Veterinary drug
145	OXADIXYL	Pesticide
146	OXAMYL	Pesticide
147	OXINE-COPPER	Pesticide
148	OXYCARBOXIN	Pesticide
149	OXYTETRACYCLINE, CHLORTETRACYCLINE, TETRACYCLINE (as total)	Pesticide/Veterinary drug/Feed additive
150	PERMETHRIN	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
151	PHENOTHRIN	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
152	PICLORAM	Pesticide
153	PINDONE	Pesticide
154	PIPERONYL BUTOXIDE	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
155	PIRIMIPHOS-METHYL	Pesticide
156	POLYMYXINE B	Veterinary drug
157	POLYOXINS	Pesticide
158	PREDNISOLONE	Veterinary drug
159	PROHEXADIONE-CALCIUM	Pesticide
160	PROMETRYN	Pesticide
161	PROPANIL	Pesticide
162	PROPOXUR	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
163	PROSULFURON	Pesticide
164	PYRACLOFOS	Pesticide
165	PYRAZOLYNATE	Pesticide
166	PYRITHIOBAC-SODIUM	Pesticide
167	QUINCLORAC	Pesticide
168	QUINTOZENE	Pesticide
169	RESMETHRIN	Pesticide
170	RIMSULFURON	Pesticide
171	RONIDAZOLE	Veterinary drug
172	ROXARSONE	Veterinary drug
173	SALINOMYCIN	Veterinary drug/Feed additive
174	SARAFLOXACIN	Veterinary drug
175	SEMDURAMICIN	Veterinary drug/Feed additive
176	SETHOXYDIM	Pesticide
177	SIMAZINE	Pesticide
178	SODIUM TCA	Pesticide
179	SPECTINOMYCIN	Veterinary drug
180	SULFABROMOMETHAZINE SODIUM	Veterinary drug
181	SULFACHLORPYRIDAZINE	Veterinary drug
182	SULFADIAZINE	Veterinary drug
183	SULFADIMIDINE	Veterinary drug
184	SULFAMERAZINE	Veterinary drug
185	SULFANITRAN	Veterinary drug
186	SULFAPYRIDINE	Veterinary drug
187	SULFATROXAZOLE	Veterinary drug
188	SULPROFOS	Pesticide

189	TEBUTHIURON	Pesticide
190	TECNAZENE	Pesticide
191	TEFLUBENZURON	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
192	TEFLUTHRIN	Pesticide
193	TERBACIL	Pesticide
194	TERBUTRYN	Pesticide
195	TETRACHLORVINPHOS	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
196	THIFENSULFURON-METHYL	Pesticide
197	THIOMETON	Pesticide
198	TOLCLOFOS-METHYL	Pesticide
199	TRALKOXYDIM	Pesticide
200	TRENBOLONE ACETATE	Veterinary drug
201	TRIBENURON-METHYL	Pesticide
202	TRICLABENDAZOLE	Veterinary drug
203	TRIDEMORPH	Pesticide
204	TRIFLOXYSULFURON	Pesticide
205	TRIFLUMURON	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
206	TRIFORINE	Pesticide
207	TRIPLENNAMINE	Veterinary drug
208	VAMIDOTHION	Pesticide
209	VIRGINIAMYCIN	Veterinary drug/Feed additive
210	WARFARIN	Pesticide/Veterinary drug
211	ZERANOL	Veterinary drug